X. *An Account of a* Child *being taken out of the* Abdomen, *after having lain there upwards of* 16 *Years, during which Time the Woman had* 4 *Children, all born alive*; *by* Starkey Myddleton *M. D.*

Gentlemen,

Read Dec. 17. 1747. THE Records of your *Society* furniſh us with ſeveral Caſes of extra-uterine Conceptions; one of which I communicated to you *March* 28. 1745.* nevertheleſs I could not help flattering myſelf that this Caſe alſo might be worthy your Notice.

IN *April* 1731. Mrs. *Ball*, without *Biſhopſgate*, perceived (by the uſual Symptoms) that ſhe was pregnant; and in *October* following, being then in the ſixth Month of her Pregnancy, ſhe had a Child died in her Lap of Convulſions, the Surprize of which occaſion'd a great Fluttering within her, attended with a ſenſible Motion of the Child, which Motion continued, tho' gradually weaker and weaker, for about 6 or 7 Days, after which ſhe did not perceive it to move any more; but from this time ſhe had conſtant Pains attending her, which appear'd like Labour-Pains. Her Midwife, for ſeveral Days, expected a Miſcarriage; but finding herſelf diſappointed, adviſed her to apply to Dr. *Bamber*, whoſe known Abilities in the ſeveral Branches of Phyſick, joined to his great Experience and Judgment in

* See *Philoſ. Tranſ.* No. 475. p. 336.

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Midwifry, made him unqueſtionably the moſt proper Perſon to be conſulted, as the Caſe appear'd ſo very uncommon in its Circumſtances, at the ſame time that his great Humanity always gave the moſt free Acceſs to the Poor in their Diſtreſſes.

The Doctor (after a proper Examination) finding ſufficient Indications of a dead Child, order'd her ſome forcing Medicines; upon taking which about three times ſhe diſcharg'd ſomething, which the Women ſuppos'd to be Part of an After-birth, accompanied with a ſmall Quantity of Water: In conſequence of this Diſcharge her Pains ceaſed, but without any viſible Diminution of her Belly.

After ſome time ſhe again apply'd herſelf to the Doctor, who thought it moſt adviſeable to diſcontinue her Medicines, and leave the Affair intirely to Nature.

In this State ſhe continued for about 20 Months *viz.* to *July* 1733. which was 2 Years and 3 Months from her firſt Reckoning, ſhe then again apply'd herſelf to Dr. *Bamber*, acquainting him, that ſhe was not yet deliver'd of the Child ſhe ſo long ſince came to conſult him about, and that her Pains were lately return'd, and daily increaſed without any Intermiſſion, upon the Doctor's examining her, he thought it proper to ſend her home immediately, directing her to promote her Pains, by frequently ſupping ſome warm Caudle, *&c.* by the Uſe of which her Pains became more regular, and the next Day the Doctor made her a Viſit, and was informed ſhe had diſcharg'd two Waters, but nothing more: He then carefully examined her again, and plainly felt a Child through the Integuments of the *Abdomen*, but could not give her any Aſſiſtance.

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It was about this time that Dr. *Bamber* firſt acquainted me with the Caſe, and deſired that I would attend her as often as Occaſion might require, and that I would acquaint him, if any thing like Labour, or other remarkable Alteration ſhould offer. Accordingly I made her a Viſit, and after a proper Examination, was convinc'd of the Certainty of the Doctor's Aſſertion.

Her Pains now began to abate, and ſhe grew tolerably eaſy; but about the latter End of *January* 1733-4. ſhe conceived again with Child, and was deliver'd on the 28th of *October* following by Dr. *Bamber*, who ſent for me to attend him in her Labour: The Doctor ſoon deliver'd her of a fine Boy, and after having brought away the *Placenta*, he ſearch'd for the other Child, which he had before felt through the Integuments of the *Abdomen*, but found it was lodg'd in the Cavity of the *Abdomen*, and beyond the Reach of human Art to relieve her. This Fact every one then preſent was made ſenſible of.

October 22. 1735. I was ſent for to her in her Labour, but before my Arrival ſhe was deliver'd of a Boy; but I brought away the *Placenta*, which gave me an Opportunity of examining for the other Child, and found it in the ſame Situation as formerly.

October 9. 1738. I was again ſent for to her, when in Labour, but ſhe was deliver'd of a Boy before I arrived. Upon examining the Womb, and the State of the *Abdomen*, the Child appear'd juſt as before, without any Alteration.

June 17, 1741. I was again ſent for in her Labour, but found her juſt deliver'd of a Girl; and upon

upon examining the Parts, every thing appear'd as before.

October 14. 1747. being greatly emaciated by conſtant Pains, *&c.* ſhe was admitted a Patient in *Guy's Hoſpital*, where ſhe died the 7th of *November* following, after having labour'd under the Diſtreſſes and Uneaſineſs of carrying a dead Child within her, in a manner looſe, in the Cavity of the *Abdomen* upwards of 16 Years.

The Day after her Death I open'd her, in the Preſence of Dr. *Nesbit*, Dr. *Nichols*, and Dr. *Lawrence*, when the *Uterus*, and the ſeveral other Contents of the *Abdomen* appear'd (nearly) in their natural State, but on the right Side within the *Os Ilium* a Child preſented itſelf, which was attach'd to the *Ilium* and neighbouring Membranes by a Portion of the *Peritonæum*, in which the *Fimbria* and Part of the right *Fallopian* Tube ſeem'd to loſe itſelf.

The Child ſeem'd no-ways putrid; but the Integuments were become ſo callous, and chang'd from their natural State, that the whole ſeem'd to reſemble a cartilaginous Maſs, without Form or Diſtinction: The Legs indeed were diſtinguiſhable, though they were much waſted and diſtorted.

Upon opening the callous Integuments of the Head and Face of the Child, the Bones appear'd perfectly form'd, with a few Spots of tophous Concretions on them.

This Account may ſerve to convince thoſe who are of Opinion that Boys are conceived on the right Side, and the Girls on the left; as this Woman

man had three Boys, and one Girl, after the *Fallopian* Tube on the right Side had loſt its Action. I am,

Gentlemen,

With great Reſpect,

Decem. 17. 1747.

Your moſt obedient and

Moſt humble Servant,

Starkey Myddleton.

XI. *A Phyſiological Account of the Caſe of* Margaret Cutting, *who ſpeaks diſtinctly, tho' ſhe has loſt the* Apex *and* Body *of her* Tongue: *Addreſſed to the* Royal Society, *by* James Parſons *M. D. F. R. S.*

Gentlemen,

Read Dec. 17. 1747.

AS ſeveral of the Members of this worthy *Society* were ſomewhat divided in their Opinions concerning what was reported of *Margaret Cutting*, when they were firſt informʼd of her by Mr. *Baker**; it will be neceſſary (in order to render her Caſe the better underſtood) to lay before you the following ſhort Particulars, which

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* *See theſe* Tranſ. N°. 464, Artic. II. *p.* 143, *et ſeq.*